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1. On 15 March 1948, a meeting was held at the offices of the ITAG firm in Zistersdorf, at which all leading officials were present. Lt. Col. Yegorov appeared as the representative of Riabinin, chief of the Central Administration of the Soviet Petroleum Companies in Austria, and addressed the meeting. He declared that the Central Administration of the Soviet Petroleum Companies in Austria had ordered an immediate rise in oil production in all oil fields. Failure to comply with these instructions, according to Yegorov, would result in discharge and punishment of responsible persons.
2. The daily average for field #3, the ITAG Rannersdorf field, was ordered raised from the present 120 tons to 198 tons. ~~Comment:~~ According to a 25X1A consensus among oil engineers, such Soviet methods of exploitation as depressurization, use of outside nozzles or of no nozzles at all, and continuous working of wells with an average water content of over 50%, are threatening to diminish permanently the future yield. Some experts reckon that such Soviet methods have already diminished the future expected yield of the Zistersdorf deposits by six to eight percent.)

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